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Talking about Machines Julian E. Orr, 1996 Explores the work practices of experienced photocopier maintenance technicians working for the Xerox Corporation Examines the triangular relationship between the technician the customer and the machine Highlights the narrative process used by technicians in the diagnosis of machine problems

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ECSCW 2005 Hans Gellersen, Kjeld Schmidt, Michel Beaudouin-Lafon, Wendy

Mackay,2006-01-26 The emergence and widespread use personal computers and network technologies have seen the development of interest in the use of computers to support cooperative work This volume presents the proceedings of the ninth European conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work CSCW This is a multidisciplinary area that embraces the development of new technologies grounded in actual cooperative practices These proceedings contain a collection of papers that reflect the variegated research activities in the field The volume includes papers addressing novel interaction technologies for CSCW systems new models and architectures for groupware systems studies of communication and coordination among mobile actors studies of cooperative work in complex settings studies of groupware systems in actual use in real world settings and theories and techniques to support the development of cooperative applications The papers present emerging technologies alongside new methods and approaches to the development of this important class of applications The work in this volume represents the best of the current research and practice within CSCW The collection of papers presented here will appeal to researchers and practitioners alike as they combine an understanding of the nature of work with the possibility offered by new technologies

Engineering Asset Management Joseph Mathew,Lin Ma,Andy Tan,Deryk Anderson,2008-02-06 It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the inaugural World Congress on Engineering Asset Management WCEAM being held at the Conrad Jupiters Hotel on the Gold Coast from July 11 to 14 2006 More than 170 authors from 28 countries have contributed over 160 papers to be presented over the first three days of the conference Day four will be host to a series of workshops devoted to the practice of various aspects of Engineering Asset Management WCEAM is a new annual global forum on the various multidisciplinary aspects of Engineering Asset Management It deals with the presentation and publication of outputs of research and development activities as well as the application of knowledge in the practical aspects of strategic asset management risk management in asset management design and life cycle integrity of physical assets asset performance and level of service models financial analysis methods for physical assets reliability modelling and prognostics information systems and knowledge management asset data management warehousing and mining condition monitoring and intelligent maintenance intelligent sensors and devices regulations and standards in asset management human dimensions in integrated asset management education and training in asset management and performance management in asset management We have attracted academics practitioners and scientists from around the world to share their knowledge in this important emerging transdiscipline that impacts on almost every aspect of daily life

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Between Craft and Science Stephen R. Barley, Julian E. Orr, 2018-10-18 Between Craft and Science brings together leading scholars from sociology anthropology industrial relations management and engineering to consider issues surrounding technical work the most rapidly expanding sector of the labor force Part craft and part science part blue collar and part white collar technical work demands skill and knowledge but is rarely rewarded with commensurate status or salary The book first considers the anomalous nature of technical work and the difficulty of locating it in any conventional theoretical framework Only an ethnographic approach studying the actual doing of the work will make sense of the subject the authors conclude The studies that follow report daily practice filled with disjunctures and ironies that mirror the ambiguities of technical work s place in the larger culture On the basis of those studies the authors probe questions of policy management and education Between Craft and Science considers the cultural difficulties in understanding technical work and advances coherent practice oriented insights into this anomalous phenomenon

Advances in Knowledge Management Ettore Bolisani, Meliha Handzic, 2014-11-12 This book celebrates the past present and future of knowledge management It brings a timely review of two decades of the accumulated history of knowledge management By tracking its origin and conceptual development this review contributes to the improved understanding of the field and helps to assess the unresolved questions and open issues For practitioners the book provides a clear evidence of value of knowledge management Lessons learnt from implementations in business government and civil sectors help to appreciate the field and gain useful reference points The book also provides guidance for future research by drawing together authoritative views from people currently facing and engaging with the challenge of knowledge management who signal a bright future for the field

Politics Recoded Aure Schrock, 2024-09-24 The first detailed history of Code for America that examines how democratically designed government systems can collectively improve technology s impact on society For decades tens of thousands of volunteers and employees of Code for America have taken a different path to institutional change through designing and implementing infrastructure In Politics Recoded Aure Schrock employs a robust organizational ethnography to analyze how Code for America s infrastructural organizing changed how politics get exercised showing how we citizens can work directly with the government on projects to improve our collective livelihoods Drawing from theories of organizing

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Team Coordination in Extreme Environments Cécile Godé, 2015-12-15 The development and coordination of managerial devices to help businesses cope with the numerous challenges they face have been the subject of many empirical analyses in recent years This books draws from these studies to answer the question of how to coordinate a team in extreme environments Embracing a practice based perspective it identifies work practices and technological uses that improve coordination within teams Organizations need to know how to support the coordination of teams that evolve in highly changing uncertain and risky contexts Beyond reviewing current literature on the analysis of coordination in the field the author draws on military case studies and illustrations to offer readers practical ways to implement devices that facilitate coordination within teams

Low Power to the People Christina Dunbar-Hester, 2014-11-14 An examination of how activists combine political advocacy and technical practice in their promotion of the emancipatory potential of local low power FM radio The United States ushered in a new era of small scale broadcasting in 2000 when it began issuing low power FM LPFM licenses for noncommercial radio stations around the country Over the next decade several hundred of these newly created low wattage stations took to the airwaves In *Low Power to the People* Christina Dunbar Hester describes the practices of an activist organization focused on LPFM during this era Despite its origins as a pirate broadcasting collective the group eventually shifted toward building and expanding regulatory access to new licensed stations These radio activists consciously cast radio as an alternative to digital utopianism promoting an understanding of electronic media that emphasizes the local community rather than a global audience of Internet users Dunbar Hester focuses on how these radio activists impute emancipatory politics to the old medium of radio technology by promoting the idea that microradio broadcasting holds the potential to empower ordinary people at the local community level The group s methods combine political advocacy with a rare commitment to hands on technical work with radio hardware although the activists hands on inclusive ethos was hampered by persistent issues of race class and gender Dunbar Hester s study of activism around an old medium offers broader lessons about how political beliefs are expressed through engagement with specific technologies It also offers insight into contemporary issues in media policy that is

particularly timely as the FCC issues a new round of LPFM licenses The SAGE Handbook of Qualitative Business and Management Research Methods Catherine Cassell, Ann L. Cunliffe, Gina Grandy, 2017-12-14 The SAGE Handbook of Qualitative Business and Management Research Methods provides a state of the art overview of qualitative research methods in the business and management field The Handbook celebrates the diversity of the field by drawing from a wide range of traditions and by bringing together a number of leading international researchers engaged in studying a variety of topics through multiple qualitative methods The chapters address the philosophical underpinnings of particular approaches to research contemporary illustrations references and practical guidelines for their use The two volumes therefore provide a useful resource for Ph D students and early career researchers interested in developing and expanding their knowledge and practice of qualitative research In covering established and emerging methods it also provides an invaluable source of information for faculty teaching qualitative research methods The contents of the Handbook are arranged into two volumes covering seven key themes Volume One History and Tradition Part One Influential Traditions underpinning qualitative research positivism interpretivism pragmatism constructionism critical poststructuralism hermeneutics postcolonialism critical realism mixed methods grounded theory feminist and indigenous approaches Part Two Research Designs ethnography field research action research case studies process and practice methodologies Part Three The Researcher positionality reflexivity ethics gender and intersectionality writing from the body and achieving critical distance Part Four Challenges research design access and departure choosing participants research across boundaries writing for different audiences ethics in international research digital ethics and publishing qualitative research Volume Two Methods and Challenges Part One Contemporary methods interviews archival analysis autoethnography rhetoric historical stories and narratives discourse analysis group methods sociomateriality fiction metaphors dramaturgy diary shadowing and thematic analysis Part Two Visual methods photographs drawing video web images semiotics and symbols collages documentaries Part Three Methodological developments aesthetics and smell fuzzy set comparative analysis sewing quilts netnography ethnomusicality software ANTI history emotion and pattern matching *Enterprise Mobility* Rahul C. Basole, 2008 Previously published in the journal Information knowledge systems management 7 1 2 2008 ISSN 1389 1995 **Keeping Autonomous Driving Alive** Göde Both, 2020-04-20 Eine radikal neue Alternative zum Studium von Visionen Aufbauend auf Literatur aus den Bereichen Science Technology Studies Wissenschaftskommunikation und Gender Studies untersucht der Autor die Ambivalenz und Fragilität von technologischen Visionen Videodemonstrationen und Straßenerfahrungen in den Händen von Forschenden die sich mit selbstfahrenden Autos beschäftigen Das Buch ist für Soziologinnen und Anthropologinnen mit Fokus auf Technik Geschlecht und Mobilität von interessant die sich mit der Unsicherheit in der technologischen Forschung und mit den widersprüchlichen Anforderungen bei der Vermittlung von Wissenschaft beschäftigen Gleichzeitig bietet die Studie Wissenschaftlerinnen in den Bereichen Robotik künstliche Intelligenz und Automobiltechnik eine M

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and the interactions between the social and the technical in organizations at work and in technologies **Safety Science Research** Jean-Christophe Le Coze, 2019-08-13 Safety Science Research Evolution Challenges and New Directions provides a unique perspective into the latest developments of safety science by putting together for the first time a new generation of authors with some of the pioneers of the field Forty years ago research traditions were developed including among others high reliability organisations cognitive system engineering or safety regulations In a fast changing world the new generation introduces in this book new disciplinary insights addresses contemporary empirical issues develops new concepts and models while remaining critical of safety research practical ambitions Their ideas are then reflected and discussed by some of the pioneers of safety science Features Allows the reader to discover how contemporary safety issues are currently framed by a new generation of researchers brought together for the first time Includes an introduction and guide to the development of safety science over the last four decades Features an extraordinary collection of expert contributors including pioneers of safety research reflecting the evolution of the discipline and offering insightful commentary on the current and future state of the field Serves as an invaluable reference and guide for safety professionals and students from any established disciplines such as sociology engineering psychology political science or management as well as dedicated safety programmes Some figures in the eBook are in colour *Sustainable Digital Communities* Anneli Sundqvist, Gerd Berget, Jan Nolin, Kjell Ivar Skjerdingsstad, 2020-03-19 This volume constitutes the proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Sustainable Digital Communities iConference 2020 held in Borås Sweden in March 2020 The 27 full papers and the 48 short papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 178 submissions They cover topics such as sustainable communities social media information behavior information literacy user experience inclusion education public libraries archives and records future of work open data scientometrics AI and machine learning methodological innovation

Perspectives on Sociological Theories, Methodological Debates and Organizational Sociology Medani P. Bhandari, 2023-04-13 This book stands as the full body of scholarly work on western theories of social sciences The book contains three chapters The first part gives the overall scenario of theories the second part provides the pathway to research destination the research method and the third and final part is the destination of the substantive field of study and the roles of international organizations on social political economic environmental regimes creation as well as to other social and development functions of international organizations Sociology examines the social actors activities in society and social problems Western Scholars have developed many social theories which address the underlying causes such as social conflicts and inequalities and many formal and informal social organizations are involved to minimize the challenges of inequalities The study of social organizations is a relatively new phenomenon in sociology Broadly its historical root can be traced from Greek civilization Plato Aristotle and it has mostly flourished since the Enlightenment Era However empirical studies show that the scientific study of organizations began only from the 19th and 20th century Among the scholars of these centuries

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